Holy Week

During Holy Week we think about how Jesus lived. Jesus taught his friends to love others. How do you show others your love?

Prayer

Jesus, my teacher, help me show my love to others.
I want to be like you.
Jesus loved his friends very much. He wanted them to know this.
Jesus decided to show them. So he put some water in a bowl.
Then Jesus washed his friends’ feet.

Jesus said, “You say that I am your teacher. If I am, learn from me.
I am your friend. If I wash your feet, you should wash the feet of others. Treat others as I treat you.”

adapted from John 13:1–15
Love One Another

Jesus showed his friends how to love others. He wanted them to do as he did. Jesus wants us to follow his example too. When we help others, we are being like Jesus.

You can follow in Jesus’ footsteps. You can show others your love. What can you do? Finish the sentence.

I can be like Jesus. I can ____________________________.
Leader:  *Jesus was sad to leave his friends.*

Before he left, he gave them a special message.

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.*

My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. Then I will be gone. I give you a new commandment: love one another. You should love one another as I have loved you. Then everyone will know you are my friends.

*adapted from John 13:33–35*

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

All:  *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Leader:  *Let us always remember to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.*

All:  *In the name of the Father,*

*and of the Son,*

*and of the Holy Spirit.*

*Amen.*
Easter

Easter is a happy time. We celebrate Jesus Christ’s rising from the dead. His Resurrection fills us with joy.

Prayer

Jesus, my friend, help me follow you. I want to be with you someday.
Looking for Jesus

Jesus had died. Some women visited his tomb. They saw that the stone was rolled back. The tomb was empty! Then two angels came. The angels said, “Jesus is not here. He has risen.” The women were filled with joy. Jesus Christ was alive! The women ran to tell their friends.  

adapted from Luke 24:1–9

Jesus Appeared to Many

On their way the women saw Jesus. Many more people saw him too. After Jesus saw his friends, it was time for him to leave. Jesus went to Heaven. He went to be with God, his Father.
The Lord's Day

Why is Sunday special? It is the day we celebrate Jesus’ Resurrection. It is the Lord’s Day. We celebrate by going to Mass.

In what order did these happen? Use numbers.

1. The women visit the tomb.
2. The women tell their friends that Jesus is alive.
3. The tomb is empty.
4. The women see angels.
Leader: *May the grace of Jesus Christ be with us all, now and forever.*

All: *Amen.*

Leader: *Jesus died and rose from the dead. He gave us new life. On Sundays we remember Jesus Christ’s Resurrection.*

**Group A:** This is the day the Lord has made.

**Group B:** Let us rejoice and be glad.

*adapted from Psalm 118:24*

All: *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*
Pentecost

After Jesus rose from the dead, the Holy Spirit came. It was a time of joy. We call this special time Pentecost.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, give me the help of the Holy Spirit. He will help me tell others about you.
Sharing Jesus

Philip was a follower of Jesus’. One day Philip went on a trip. On the road he met a man. The man wanted to learn about God.

The Holy Spirit was in Philip’s heart. The Holy Spirit said to Philip, “Help the man. Teach the man.” So Philip did. He told the man about Jesus.

The man was very happy. He asked Philip, “Will you baptize me?” The man wanted to become part of God’s family.

adapted from Acts of the Apostles 8:26–38
The Holy Spirit Is with Us

The Holy Spirit was with Philip. The Holy Spirit is with all of us too. We can celebrate Pentecost every day. We can help others know Jesus. We can do this by telling them about Jesus. The Holy Spirit will help us.

Show that the Holy Spirit is with you. Write your name on the line. Then show how you can help someone. Draw a picture in the dove.

The Holy Spirit is with ____________________.
Leader: Jesus wants us all to share what we know about him. Let us listen to what he told his followers.


The Holy Spirit will come upon you.
He will make you strong.
He will help you tell people all over the world about me.

adapted from Acts of the Apostles 1:8

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.